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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Ryan Eberdt, 26, of Elgin, Ill., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to eight months in jail for embezzling money from his former employer, Associated Bank. The jail time is to be followed by three years of supervised release. Eberdt pleaded guilty to this charge on September 26, 2007.

From December 2005 until May 2005, while Eberdt was employed as a teller at the Madison Northport Branch of Associated Bank, he took approximately \$31,000 from his teller drawer.

The charges against Eberdt were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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